

**GROUND WATER MANAGEMENT COMMISSION
ADVISORY TASK FORCE
8th MEETING SUMMARY
May 29, 2002**

Prepared by:

Department of Natural Resources

Office of Conservation

Groundwater Management Staff

Call to Order

Advisory Task Force members in attendance:

Jess Barr, Cotton Producers Association

Herschel L. Bourque, Louisiana Ground Water Association

Bill Branch, LSU Agricultural Center, Designee

Dr. Rene` De Hon, University of Louisiana at Monroe, Geology Department

Timothy W. Duex, University of Louisiana at Lafayette, Geology Department

Henry T. Graham, Jr., Louisiana Chemical Association

Falcolm E. Hull, United States Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans

Darwin Knochenmus, Capital Area Ground Water Conservation District

Kyle McCann, Louisiana Farm Bureau

Olevia McDonald, Sparta Ground Water Conservation District

Jeffrey A. Nunn, L.S.U. – Baton Rouge, Department of Geology

Eugene H. Owen, Municipal Water Association

Linda Curtis Sparks, Sabine River Authority

Bradley E. Spicer, Agriculture & Forestry, Soil and Water Conservation

Charles W. Stahr, Louisiana Pulp and Paper Association

Anne Petit, League of Women Voters-New Orleans, designee

Michael W. Wascom, Citizens for a Clean Environment

Groundwater Management Staff Activities

The staff spent the last couple of weeks reviewing the Draft of Part 1 from C. H. Fenstermaker. Copies of the draft were distributed to the Groundwater Management Commission members as well as the Advisory Task Force Committee chairmen.

A few changes were made to the website. The draft brochures were posted under Important Documents.

Advisory Task Force Committee Reports

Two committees gave reports during the meeting. Eugene Owen delivered a slide presentation of Public Supply and Economic Development Committee Report. The joint committees prepared two recommendations for consideration.

1. The Commission authorize and undertake a detailed feasibility study of the cost of constructing and operating surface water treatment and transmission facilities for the purpose of supplementing and or replacing ground water usage in areas of critical or potentially critical ground water usage.
2. The Commission identify and seek all necessary legislative authority, on a stand-by basis, to enable the creation, financing and operation of such governmental authority as may be required to successfully implement such alternative surface water supplies as replacement or supplement for existing ground water resources.

The Outreach Committee report was given by Tim Duex. Minor revisions were recommended to the final Action Plan Strategy for Public Information. The committee also recommended combining the Advisory Task Force and the Ground Water Management Commission brochures.

Old Business

1. Brochures – The recommendation was made to continue with the refinement of the brochures to be presented to the Commission at a later date.
2. Eugene Owen made the motion to present the (2) recommendations by the Public Supply and Economic Development Committees to the Commission. Brad Spicer seconded the motion. The motion passed 10 to 5.

3. The Outreach Committee Strategy for Public Information passed unanimously.

New Business

No new business.

Schedule for Next Meeting

Tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, June 19, 2002. The location will be announced at a later date.